

Permit-Required Confined Space Program

WAC 296-809-300

Summary

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To develop your permit-required confined space program and practices

IMPORTANT:

This section applies if employees will enter a permit-required confined space.

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Develop a written permit-required confined space program

IMPORTANT:

Identify and evaluate the hazards of permit-required confined spaces and the work performed, to assist you in developing your entry program.

You must

- Develop a written program, before employees enter, that describes the means, procedures, and practices you use for the safe entry of permit-required confined spaces as required by this chapter. Include the following when applicable to your confined space entry program:
 - Documentation of permit entry procedures
 - Documentation used for alternate entry procedures
 - How to reclassify permit-required confined spaces to non-permit spaces
 - Designation of employee roles, such as entrants, attendants, entry supervisors, rescuers, or those who test or monitor the atmosphere in a permit-required space
 - Identification of designated employee duties
 - Training employees on their designated roles
 - How to identify and evaluate hazards
 - Use and maintenance of equipment
 - How to prevent unauthorized entry
 - How to coordinate entry with another employer
 - How to rescue entrants

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Note:

For alternate entry, your written program only needs to meet the requirements of WAC 296-809-400, Employee Training, and WAC 296-809-600, Alternate Entry Procedures, of this chapter.

You must

- Consult with affected employees and their authorized representatives when developing and implementing all aspects of your permit-required confined space program
- Make the written program available to employees and their authorized representatives
- Update your written program as necessary.



Link:

You can find a sample permit-required confined space entry program in the Resources section of this chapter, or by visiting the Labor and Industries website at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/publications/App>.



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Meet these additional requirements if your employees enter another employer's confined space

You must

- Obtain any available information about permit-required confined space hazards and entry operations from the host employer
 - Coordinate entry operations with any other employers whose employees will be working in or near the permit-required confined space
 - Inform the host employer, either through a debriefing or during entry operations, about:
 - The entry program you will follow
- and**
- Any hazards you confronted or created in the space during entry operations.



Helpful Tool:

Example Confined Space Entry Programs

You can find examples of permit space programs in the Resources section of this rule.

